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STUDENTS LOBBY IN JUNEAU

Compiled from reports by Pam McDaniel and Lori Roush

The four Student Government Council officers and two SGC Senators lobbied for the proposed building addition and day care center for MSC in Juneau during the week of February 18-23, 1991.

SGC President Rick Ball was the first of the group to get to Juneau. He arrived there on Monday. Treasurer Kim Scott and Secretary Rich Newton arrived in Juneau on Tuesday. Ball and Scott met with Mat-Su area legislators Kerttula, Menard, Larson and Carney. They also met with several individuals from the Governor's office. Ball set up appointments for the second group of students who would be in Juneau for the last half of the week. Newton attended a seminar for students sponsored by the Juneau Campus' Student Government. The seminar was to teach student lobbyists the ropes on how to lobby effectively.

SGC Vice President Richard Caywood and SGC Senators Pam McDaniel and Lori Roush went to Juneau Thursday and stayed through Saturday. The second group met with Mrs. Hickel on Thursday. Friday they met with Bill Overstreet who is the Lt. Governor's liaison to the legislature. They also met with the Governor's liaison, Bruce Kendall and Shelby Stastney from the Budget Office.

The University of Alaska Board of Regents was meeting in Juneau during that same week. Newton attended the Board of Regents meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.

Roush said, "Caywood, Newton, McDaniel and myself spread ourselves thin, covering as much ground as humanly possible in the two and one-half days we had to accomplish our objectives. By splitting up we were able to cover twice as many meetings."

All of the students felt that their ideas were well received by the people they met with in Juneau. McDaniel said, "I feel that the trip was beneficial to our college, and I sincerely support future such observational trips for our students. I am very grateful to the SGC for choosing me as the student to observe and to represent MSC on this trip."

Roush said, "I am quite impressed with the teamwork displayed in Juneau by our Student Government. Richard Caywood's organized presentation had virtually everyone we visited interested in hearing what we had to say."

A second trip to Juneau was tentatively planned to coincide with the University of Alaska Board of Regents meeting slated for April 18 and 19.

Potlatch

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[1] A ceremonial feast of the Indians of the northwest coast.

[2] A pot with a latch.

[3] Student government potlatch!!!! Bring something tasty for yourself and four others, please.

Wednesday, April 10 in the Atrium

11:00 to 3:00

EDITORIAL

by Kathryn Reiman

One of my main concerns with the current student elections under way is the matter of full time employees of the University holding office on our Student Government Council. Let me start by stating that I am not accusing anyone of wrong doing, I am only pointing out that the potential for divided loyalties and conflicts of interest exist. Full time employees of the University who hold an office on the SGC may find themselves in a conflict of interest when the will of the Administration goes against the wishes of the student body. How can anyone represent the wishes of the student body over the wishes of his/her employer without dividing their personal loyalties? Would not a full time University employee fail the employer by standing by the wishes of the students? And would not an officer of the SGC fail the student body by standing by the will of the employer?

I believe the University Administration is well represented by the seats reserved on the SGC for one administrative advisor and one faculty advisor. With the SGC membership at 16, including officers and advisors, two seats make up twelve and one half percent of the SGC. I think that is ample representation of the Administration on the Student Government.

But the current President of the SGC is a full time employee of the University. While he is also a student, that ups the percentage of the overall membership of the SGC working full time for the University to over 18 percent. And that means that 25 percent of the SGC officers are full time University employees.

Of the rest of the SGC body, I estimate four members to be part time employees of the University. While I don't think the conflict is quite as big for part time employees, I think the fact should be noted that a good number of the members of the current SGC are University employees.

In the past, the SGC has suffered from lack of attendance by students as a whole. At the present time two people are qualified to become senators,but there isn't room for them on the senate. The room SGC meets in is packed on Wednesdays. I think there is enough student interest at this point that University employees, including those currently running for an office on the SGC, should bow out. With the exception of the Administration and Faculty advisors, I do not think a full time employee of the University should be a member of the SGC as a senator or as an officer. I see the potential of conflict of interest as too great.

HIBERNATION

by Matt Riedel

Patient, the birches sleep,
through the winter's nimble night;
naked fingers twisting patterns,
like wrinkles drawn on aged skin.

Some nights I hear the birches sigh–
and groan with warm, green, bird-filled dreams.
The winds howl with discontent;
patient, the birches sleep.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are welcome to this student newspaper. Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and must include the author's name. No anonymous letters will be printed. The editor reserves the right to edit letters that are too long, and may refuse to print any letter deemed to be vulgar, frivolous or liable. Letters should be addressed to the Editor, and may be dropped off to the box marked "School Paper" located outside of the bookstore.

PERSPECTIVE INTERIM EDITOR
...Kathryn Reiman

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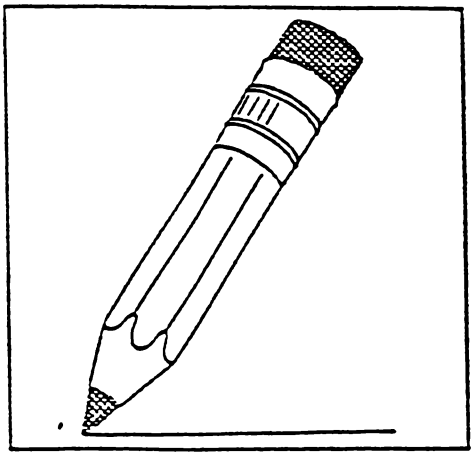
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is there a means of accountability within MSC Student Government other than not reelecting the officers? If you have a conflict with a teacher but it is not serious enough to go to the Dean, how do you make the classroom situation more compatible? Maybe the problem is a lack of communication due to hurt feelings. Maybe it is due to genuine unfairness on the other party's part. MSC has enough people who must interact, a mediator of some kind appears to be needed. I know I don't like feeling something is unfair. I don't know how to tell the person or persons involved why I feel that way without them feeling like they are being attacked. I also know I'm not the only one with this problem. Can someone help?

Lyla D. Myers



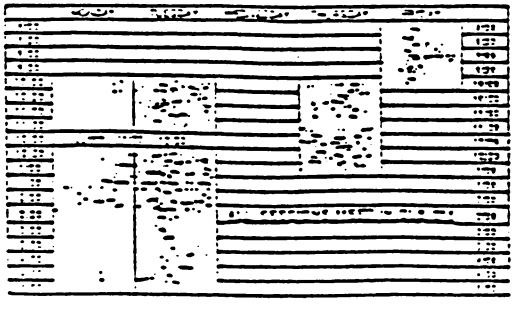
HELP WANTED!

PERSPECTIVE needs an editor and reporters for next semester. If you are interested in writing for your student newspaper, please leave a message in the PERSPECTIVE mailbox located at the staff mailbox area next to the bookstore. No experience necessary.

WARNING!!!!!

The Withdrawal Deadline and the deadline for changing from credit-to-audit is this Monday, April 8. All students wanting to withdraw from any class should do so immediately!

ATTENTION ALL MATH STUDENTS: THE TUTOR HAS NEW HOURS!

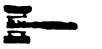


ATTENTION

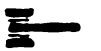
Tutor: Tom Mangelsdorf

For MATH 054, 055, 105 107, 200

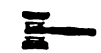
INTERVIEWS WITH THE CANDIDATES



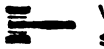
Bill Butler is running for the office of President. This is his fourth semester at MSC, where he is a part-tie student pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology Degree. He estimates he will be a student at MSC for another four semesters. Butler has previously attended Washington State University and L>A. Valley College. Butler works full-time as the Manager of the MSC Bookstore. He has been involved in SGC for three semesters, but had to relinquish his senate seat this semester when the SGC meetings were changed to Wednesdays. Butler says he has been to Juneau twice to lobby on behalf of MSC. Butler's main concerns are the day-care, the building addition and getting more 400-level classes at MSC. Butler said, "I think if we all pull together, I think we can make this school go someplace."



Rich Newton is running for the office of President. This is his eighth semester at MSC where he is a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Education. Newton received an Associates of Applied Science in Refrigeration and Heating from MSC in the Spring of 1990. He plans to be a student at MSC as long as there are classes available that he needs for his degree. Newton says being a full-time student occupies most of his time, but he works in construction during the summer. He is a member of the Butte Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. This is Newton's fourth semester in SGC. This year he is serving as Recording Secretary, and last year he served as Sergeant-at-Arms. Newton was one of the six student who went to Juneau to lobby support for the proposed addition. Newton said one of his main concerns for SGC is to see that the meetings are more orderly and professional. He said, "I'd like to see more involvement; make it easier for more people to get involved."



Lori Roush is running for the office of President. This is her third semester at MSC where she is a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences. Roush earned 60 credits towards and Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electronic Engineering through the Community College of the Air Force. She plans to attend MSC as long as classes are offered that she needs for her degree. Roush is self-employed part-time, providing evening childcare. She is a member of the Women's Natural Resource Center, the student representative to Instructional Council at MSC, active in her church and church choir, and she shows her beagle in local dog shows. This is Roush's second semester as a senator on the SGC. Whe is on the Rules and Bylaws Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. Roush provided her own funding so she could be one of the six students who went to Juneau to lobby support for the proposed addition. Roush's main concerns are that SGC should fund more activities for students and she would like to have a more open relationship between the Sgc and the student body. She said, "I would like to see a more effective use of student fees for student activities. I would like to develop a more user-friendly Student Government."



Denise Ebertz is running for the office of Vice President. This is her seventh semester at MSC where whe is a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Nursing and an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Business. She has attended the University of Texas at San Antonio where whe earned a B.S in Engineering. Whe also attended St. Philip's College where she earned an A.A.S. in Business Management. She Plans to attend MSC for the next two to three years. Ebertz is the founder and a member of Valley Notables. She is active in Noonsingers, is a member of the Boy (continued on next pg.)

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IF YOU WANT TO KNOW
YOUR GPA
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SEE SHARON
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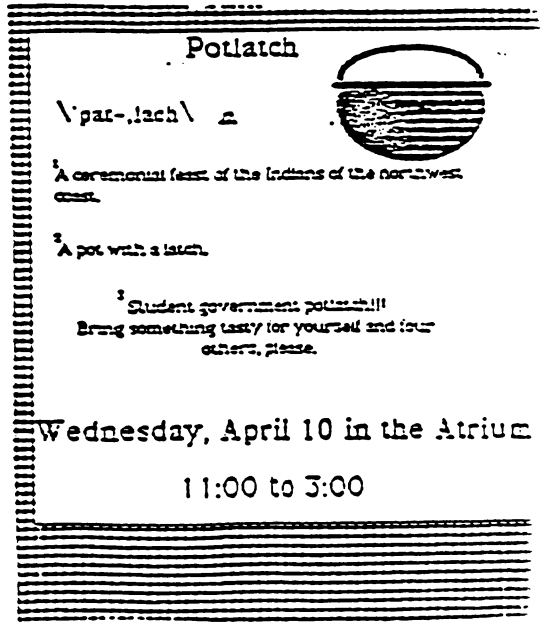
Scouts, the Girl Scouts and 4-H. She volunteers for Parents United and she is the club representative for Valley Notables to the SGC. Ebertz says her main concerns are that students aren't aware of what their student fee is being used for, that student concerns aren't being heard by the SGC, and she would like to see less involvement in student government by University employees. She said "I think SGC should be run by students, Not by University employees."

Pam McDaniel is running for the office of Vice President. This is her third semester at MSC where she is a full-time student pursuing a degree in OMT. She plans to attend MSC until she completes her degree in the spring of 1992. She works part-time installing carpet. McDaniel has been involved in SGC two semesters as a Senator. She is the Chairperson of the Media Board, and was chosen by the SGC to accompany the SGC officers on their recent trip to Juneau. McDaniel said her main concern is to continue to support Mat-Su's expansion, and to make the SGC more accessible for the student body. She said, "I want to be readily available to the students and I want to know what the students want."

Sandy Coleman is running for the office of Recording Secretary. This is Coleman's third semester at MSC where she is a full-time student pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting. She plans to be at MSC for at least two more semesters. Coleman has attended all of the SGC meetings this semester, and was recently appointed senator. Coleman's main concerns for SGC are to make sure everyone knows the SGC constitution so that meetings can be more organized. She thinks that more organization will lead to more active involvement. Coleman would like to see all SGC members visit classes and discuss issues with students to keep the student government in touch with the students.

Shana Carlson is running for the office of Treasurer. This is her second semester at MSC where she is a full-time student pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She plans to be at MSC one more year. Carlson has previously attended college for one year in Florida. She works part-time as the night receptionist at Snodgrass Hall. Carlson is involved in Noonsingers and Valley Notables. She has attended several SGC meetings over the last two semesters and is the secretary of the Rules and Bylaws Committee. Carlson's main concerns for SGC are to get more students involved in more activities and to push for the new building.

Brady Jackson III is running for the office of Treasurer. This is his sixth semester at MSC where he is a full-time student pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting. He plans to attend MSC for at least another year. He has previously studied Electronics at the Anchorage campus when it was ACC. Jackson said, in addition to school, he is a full-time father. Jackson has been a senator on the SGC for the last two semesters, and is currently serving as the Sergeant - of - Arms. He is also the Chairman of the Health Food Vending Committee. Jackson said he would like to see the student body concerns represented as much as possible.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Editor's Note: I was unable to contact Marti Williams for an interview. She is running for the office of Vice President. Her written statement is as follows:

My name is Marti Williams. I am running for the office of Vice President of our Student Government. There are many platforms a candidate can run on: involvement in school and community, strong feelings for change, and the desire to enhance the programs that are being dealt with at Mat-Su are mine. The present Student Government has gone a long way to improve the conditions at this College. I was here when this was a Community College, and became involved during the changes to the University system. I would like to continue the work that has been in progress these last few years, we have been on the right track.

FORGIVE THE SURVEYORS
By Richard Caywood

(taken from an interview
with Lorelei Eby)

During the week of April 9 through April 15, the students in BA 273 will be conducting a survey on Mat-Su Campus concerning the issue of Proposition 75 as proposed by Senator Jalmar Kertula.

Proposition 75 proposes that the forgiveness of student loans be re-instituted to those people who will remain in the state after graduating from a college or vo-tec school.

The survey is a class project for applied finite statistics, which will involve asking randomly selected students and people their views on Proposition 75.

The results of this project will be published in the next issue of Perspective.

The class ask you please think seriously concerning Proposition 75, and be ready to give them a concise opinion.

WE NEED YOUR OPINION

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Guidelines
—Send ONE original poem, 20 lines or less.
—Include your name and address at top of page.
—Poem may be any style, on any subject.
—Anthology purchase may be required to insure publication, but is not required for the contest.
—Impartial judging. Authors retain copyright and all future rights to their work.

Don't miss the deadline!
Contest ends May 31, 1991

Send one poem,
20 lines or less, to:
Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc.
Dept. P
203 Diamond St.
Sistersville, WV 26175

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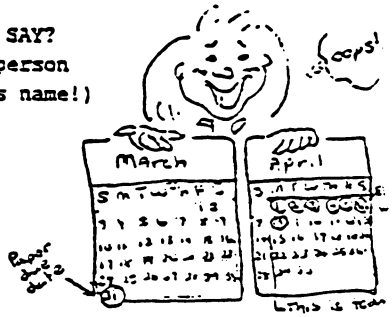
AFTER THE FACT, YOU SAY?

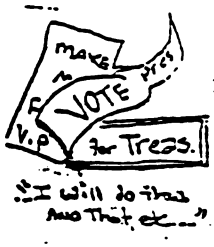
by Media Board Chairperson
(we won't mention Pam's name!)



By now you may have guessed
This little paper is a tad bit out of date.
I could lie, and say this is a test
to check your comprehension rate!

But, as a responsibility to my peers,
I have to take the heat!
You see, when the "deadline" was suddenly here,
I was playing politics, competing for the V.P.'s seat!

Our poor editor's lot was bleak;
for she became a "one-man-band."
Her job would make Mohammad Ali weak!
Alone she worked, with scarce a helping hand.



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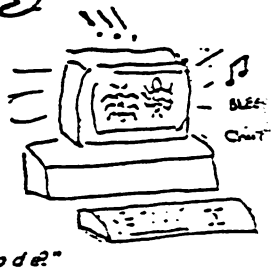
Down to the computer lab she and her papers did swarm
(upon Perspective, the candidate DID depend)
Unfortunately, someone threw BUGS at this brainstorm.



At wits end, and her grades dropping fast
she was strongly advised to lighten her load.....
Regretfully, she quit - she simply could not last.
Panic strikes! "*Is Perspective down the commode?*"

All of a sudden my priorities took a new twist
And I quickly grabbed the present V.P.'s arm!!!
"We need your home computer," I said with a hiss.
Soon his computer was hummin'- his printer was warm.

Right now it's 3 a.m. and we're almost done;
We no longer doubt this month's issue is on its way.
Of course, I won't promise your heart will be won,
Since most likely
"AFTER THE FACT",
is all you will say!

1991 GRADUATION

High School Equivalency Diplomas

Susan Carole Clements
Lisa Marie Freimuth
Michael C. Jacobs

Vocational Certificates

One Year

Bruce David Chambers, Sr.	Electronics Technology
Joseph J. Miner	Electronics Technology
Richard H. Washburn	Electronics Technology

One and One-Half Year

Charles Timothy Jackson	Electronics Technology

Two Year

Francisco Xavier Monge	Refrigeration and Heating
Frank Bertsil Petersen	Refrigeration and Heating
Michael Wayne Stasko	Refrigeration and Heating
Melissa Sue Anderson	Electronics Technology
Charles Timothy Jackson	Electronics Technology

Associate of Applied Science

Helen Frances Allison	Agriculture
Bruce Ohmer Axtell	Accounting
Linda Susan Dellinger	Accounting
Wayne Edward Johnson	Accounting
Rosemarie E. Spinelli	Accounting
Diana S. England	Business Administration
Mary Lou Begen	Business Administration
Charles Timothy Jackson	Electronics Technology
John M. Wojtaszek	Electronics Technology
Johnny I. Murdock	Fire Service Administrati
Jeffrey S. Dobson	Fire Service Administrati
James David Bowker	Refrigeration and Heatin
Dave L. Krause	Refrigeration and Heatin
Roger Scott Leff	Refrigeration and Heatin
Tom L. Moore	Refrigeration and Heatin
Carl R. Neely	Refrigeration and Heatin
William John Sharlow	Refrigeration and Heatin
Paul Charles Westphale	Refrigeration and Heatin

Associate of Arts

Rose Lamont Afcan
Shirley A. Belden
Greg T. Breza
Annemick J. Brunklaus
Richard E. Caywood
Lili C. Cooper
Rita Marie Davila
Steven Lee Falkenstein
Sandra Louise Irsik
Ellen F. Lizotte
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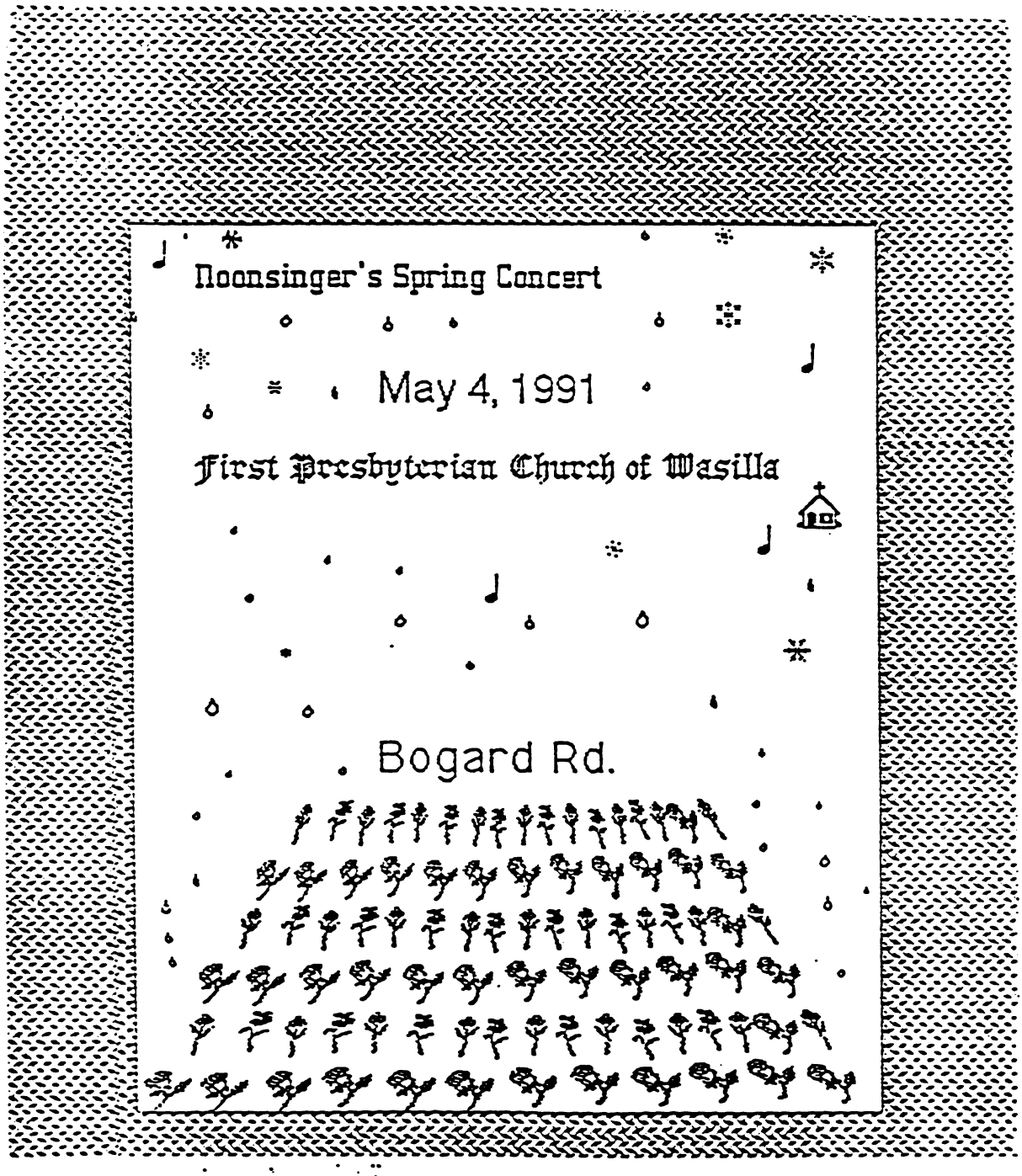

Noonsinger's Spring Concert
May 4, 1991
First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla
Bogard Rd.

HASS HOLDS POETRY WORKSHOP

Poet Robert Hass from the University of California at Berkeley, gave a poetry workshop and poetry reading at MSC on February 22. About 15 people attended the afternoon workshop. During the workshop Hass discussed what poetry means to him, how he started to write poetry, how he finds subjects for his poems and how he gets over dry spells. Hass said he sees poetry as a way to deal with the daily process of life. "The task of poetry," according to Hass, "is to pull contradictions together." Hass began writing poetry as a college student. He said he has used his family and family life as subjects for his poetry, but is now trying to give his family back their privacy. Hass said he finds dry spells very agonizing, but said the best way to get through such spells is to, "...just keep writing." Hass said he has taken writing assignments from publishers with a deadline in order to force himself to write. "Or you could try to figure out what's wrong in your life, what's causing the writer's block," Hass said.

The evening poetry reading drew about 20 people including students, staff, and faculty. Hass read from his books, Field Guide, Praise, and Human Wishes. He also read from a collection of as yet unpublished poems about his childhood years, and growing up in an alcoholic family. A poem from this collection titled Mother's Nipples brought some of the audience to tears.

The poet's visit was jointly sponsored by the University and the Mat-Su Student Government Council.

MISHLER OFFERS SPEECH CLASS

Look for a new speech course next fall. Barbara Mishler is preparing to offer a 200-level course in public speaking. The new course will cover political, business and social presentations. In addition, students will gain experience in audience analysis and adaptation, and research methods. This is the course for all her former students who complained that they didn't give enough speeches in Speech 111. If you have any suggestions for course inclusions, drop them in Mishler's mailbox or outside her office, Room 113. Mishler said she is eager to start expanding the speech offerings at MSC.

THIEVES STRIKE MSC CAMPUS

by Kathryn Reiman

A series of small thefts occurred during the week prior to Spring Break at MSC. The coffee fund was stolen from Snodgrass Hall, the petty cash box was stolen from the Library and the American and Alaskan flags were stolen from in front of the main entrance.

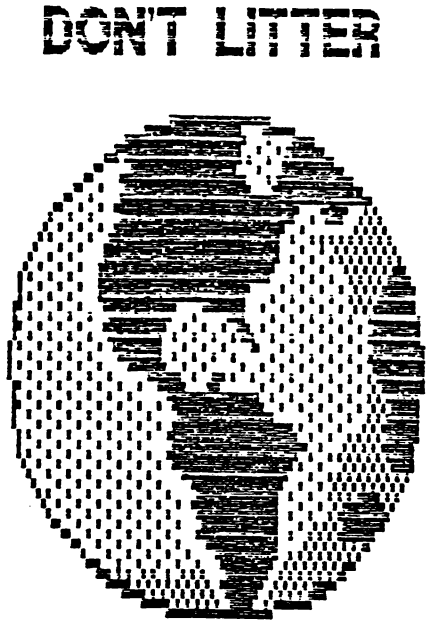
The coffee money was stolen from Snodgrass Hall on Tuesday March 12 around eight P.M. according to night receptionist Shana Carlson. Carlson said she received a phone call around 7:45 from a woman asking her to go check the restroom for a lost purse. When Carlson returned to her desk, the woman was no longer on the phone and the coffee fund was missing. Carlson believes the phone call may have been a ruse to lure her away from her desk so the thief could steal the money unobserved. Carlson estimates the container held between 10 and 12 dollars. The fund is a donation based way for students at Snodgrass to be able to enjoy coffee and tea.

without having to trek to the main building. "People would put in a dime or quarter or whatever to pay for their coffee. Sometimes people would put in a dollar for the whole week. Everybody was pretty good about it." Carlson said.

The petty cash box was stolen from the Library sometime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday March 14, according to Librarian Marcia Colson. Colson estimates about 35 dollars was stolen. The petty cash fund is used to make change for the photocopier, and for money taken in for lost books and from the book sale. Colson said, "We always felt we didn't have big school problems, but that's apparently changing. We have certainly changed the way we store our cash."

According to Physical Plant Manager, Walter Ortner, the flags were stolen on Friday March 15. "They were old and faded, but they weren't in tatters. We would have used the flags at least another semester." Ortner said.

Dr. Glenn Massay, MSC Campus Director, has issued a notice to all students, staff and faculty concerning the thefts and cautioning against leaving valuables unattended.



MORE TO MAT-SU THAN MAKING GRADES

by Matt Riedel

With finals, term papers and last minute projects on the minds of every student at Mat-Su College, one could easily see how the beauty around us could be forgotten. Our campus may be small and lacking in some facilities, but one thing we have in abundance is natural surroundings. A short walk outdoors around campus or just a few moments spent viewing the woods or mountain peaks from the warmth of indoors could be just the thing to revive your mind from the depths of studying blues.

For those a bit more adventurous or with a little more time to spend in the outdoors, Mat-Su College offers a unique opportunity for exploration, education or just "getting away from it all" with its very own nature trail. The trail system begins at the back corner of the far parking lot at the main campus, and extends for over a mile and a half through 60 acres of land set aside for researching agriculture in Alaska. Those interested in studying plant types will find many plants identified along the way, and soil pits have been set up to display soil structures unique to Alaska. Benches are available along the trail for more relaxed enjoyment of some of the trails more scenic spots: Pioneer Peak, Knik Glacier, Bodenburg Butte, and the Talkeetnas. Whether you are a hardcore hiker or just want to stroll lazily through the woods, the trail will be sure to satisfy.

I recently tested the trail for cross-country skiing potential and found the trail a bit steep in places, and until the snow melts further, boots are definitely recommended for those wishing to give the trail a try. The trail is most likely in best condition from late spring to early winter when the ground is firm and snow-free, but the beauty and solitude of the area can be appreciated all through the year.

The trail is open to the public as well, and of course all students and visitors should be careful not to litter or harm the area.